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GATHERINGS MARK ANNIVERSARY OF FALKLANDS LANDING

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[Excerpt] (NA-DYN) -- Masses, marches, rallies and other commemorative ceremonies in tribute to the Malvinas war dead -- marking the 3rd anniversary (April 2, 1982) of Argentina's landing beginning its 74-day recuperation of the islands -- were held throughout the country yesterday. The central ceremony, attended by President Raul Alfonsin, most of his cabinet and the three Armed Forces commanders-in-chief, was held in the Stella Maris Armed Forces chapel. Armed Forces chaplain Monsignor Miguel Angel Medina, who celebrated the mass, urged against the "de-Malvinization" of the national conscience concerning sovereignty over the islands and said both a "black book and a white book were written about our war in the South Atlantic, neither of which reflects reality." The black book said "everything was more than miserable, soldiers gave up without a fight, no officers died, provisions were inefficient" and the white book maintains "everything was crowned with success, fighting capacity was put to the test, there were volunteers, courage and heroism, soldiers laid down their lives for their country." But "history is made of shady greys," Medina said, adding we should "thank God for everything that happened," our success and shortcomings, and ask for "his help to overcome the war's profound aftermath" we are still suffering.

Army Commander-in-Chief General Hector Rios Erenu, in a message sent to all units across the country, said those who gave their lives in the South Atlantic war "have not died in vain, for their self-sacrifice proves to the world the justice of our cause and marks an important milestone which will be remembered in the annals of our history."

In a similar message, Navy Commander-in-Chief Admiral Ramon Arosa said the sorrow produced by the "bitterness of defeat" in the Malvinas "should not paralyze us, but rather spur us on never to abandon our legitimate rights over the islands. "This April 2 the flame of hope is still burning, fed by the example of those who nourished with their blood our (southern) land and seas and by the manly pride of those who showed their skill and daring," Arosa said.

For his part, Air Force Commander-in-Chief Brigadier Ernesto Crespo paid tribute to the glorious landing, rendered homage to those who died and called on the Armed Forces to rally round the "stability the country needs to tread the course of greatness which history calls the nation to."

Some 200 ex-soldiers led the Obelisk-to-Plaza de Mayo march organized by the Coordinating Committee of Malvinas War Veterans' Centres last night, chanting slogans against the government and the Armed Forces. Followed by marching columns of the Movement of Political Youth (Mojupo), which grew to over 5,000 by the time they positioned themselves in front of Government House, veterans' spokesmen lashed out against the government for "forgetting the Malvinas," and condemned the military leaders who they accused of "war, abuse and murder." "We shall return to the Malvinas," rally organizers announced, "after we have recovered the Argentine mainland," amidst shouts against the "oligarchical prostitutes who have sided with the (financial) enemy." The march was slightly marred by separate verbal and bottle-throwing incidents between Peronist and Communist youth at one intersection and Movement Towards Socialism and Revolutionary Communist youth at another. British and U.S. flags were also burned.

At about the same time some 1,500 people gathered in San Martin Plaza in a ceremony organized by the Armed Forces Officers' Club. Former presidents Generals Juan Carlos Ongania and Marcelo Levingston were among those present as well as Commodores Pedro Ricardini and Jose Rodeiro in representation of the Armed Forces Chief of Staff. Former Joint Chiefs of Staff Commander Ricardo Pianta sent a letter of support.

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[Text] Caracas, 9 Apr (EFE) -- The next meeting of the Contadora Group and Central American plenipotentiaries will try to establish the control and verification mechanisms that will allow for the continuation of the commitments established in the peace document prepared by that group. When making this statement, Mexican under secretary for foreign relations, Ricardo Valero, pointed out that they have studied several observations made by countries with important experience in the verification and control of actions intended to preserve peace. The Mexican diplomat added that the experience of the United Nations and regional governments on the matter were also reviewed, including the experiences of Canada which has furnished some pointers that we consider advisable.

Valero participated with his colleagues from Colombia, Panama, and Venezuela, Laura Ardila, Jose Maria Cabrera, and German Nava, respectively, in the meeting that concluded today in Caracas, prior to the meeting of plenipotentiary ministers of Contadora and Central America scheduled for 11 and 12 April in Panama.

Valera added that another objective is the convocation, as soon as possible, of a meeting of the nine Contadora and Central American foreign ministers to approve the Contadora Document for Regional Peace and Cooperation, and conclude the present phase.

We hope, said Valero, that the political will that has prevailed thus far in the Central American region will permit us to advance in this delicate task.

Meanwhile, German Nava, Venezuelan deputy foreign minister, affirmed that the success of the Contadora Group's peace effort depends on the political will of the Central American countries. According to Nava, a great effort has been made to correct the ambiguities that existed in the text of the peace document, mainly those related to the control and verification of the commitments established therein.

The Venezuelan diplomat explained that the document contemplates many aspects; therefore, the clarification of certain points is a difficult task. As an example, he cited the commitments in the political, socioeconomic, security, and military areas, and said that it is difficult, although not impossible to reconcile all the countries' criteria on these aspects.

Nava noted that thus far good political will is evident, in the Central American countries, although perhaps not enough. However, we in Contadora are optimistic and we are striving to obtain the formulas that will permit a reconciliation of the various viewpoints, he said.

Jose Maria Cabrera, Panamanian deputy foreign minister, announced that the peace proposal made by U.S. President Ronald Reagan will not be included in the agenda of the upcoming meeting of the Contadora plenipotentiaries. Reagan's proposal, Cabrera affirmed, has no direct relation to the issues to be discussed, and primarily concerns relations between the Governments of Nicaragua and the United States. We are sticking to the mandate conferred upon us by the foreign ministers at their 15 March meeting in Brasilia to prepare that meeting, and I believe we are working on that most constructively, Cabrera added. I think that to consider that proposal would be interfering in the internal affairs of a Central American country, and it is a Contadora Group rule of conduct not to intervene and to respect the rights of each of the Central American nations, he noted.

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[Text] Buenos Aires, 20 Apr (DYN) -- President Raul Alfonsin today reiterated the Argentine Government's interest in a "negotiated and political" solution to the conflict in Central America during a talk he held at the Olivos residence with Guillermo Ungo, president of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), according to the latter.

Ungo, who is one of the main ideologists of the opposition to Salvadoran President Napoleon Duarte, praised the "highly positive" role played by Argentine diplomacy in this tense area of the world and insisted that "dialogue and negotiation" are the proper means for resolving regional conflicts. The Salvadoran leader, who arrived in Argentina yesterday, expressed some hope that the Radical government will "maintain its position in favor of negotiation" and lambasted Argentina's prior military regime, which is blamed for "greatly contributing to the regionalization of the conflict" in the Caribbean.

Ungo, who holds a PhD in law and teaches this subject in El Salvador, reported that his meeting with Alfonsin had lasted "a little over half an hour," during which he briefed the Argentine chief executive on a plan which the FMLN had drawn up to halt foreign military aid to both the Salvadoran Government and to the insurgents. Ungo stressed that this mechanism would be implemented under international supervision. Speaking to DYN concerning the subjects discussed during his meeting with the Argentine president, Ungo said that "Alfonsin listened to the proposal with interest." Ungo also acknowledged that he had met with Intransigent Party leader Oscar Alende, with some unidentified "officials of the Argentine Foreign Ministry," and with Radical Civic Union Senator Adolfo Gass.

Ungo, whose party is a member of the Socialist International, stated that his meeting with President Alfonsin took place after he, Ungo, arrived from Brazil, where he had traveled "on invitation of friends," a trip which he took advantage of to "pay a quick visit to Argentina." Ungo went on to say that "when President Alfonsin traveled to the aborted inauguration of Tancredo Neves, I met him in Brazil and we agreed that we would hold more frequent talks on issues of interest to both of us." Also in connection with the talk at Olivos residence, Ungo indicated that "it was based on the interest expressed by your chief executive in the current Central American status quo," and especially "in Argentina's efforts to encourage dialogue in the Salvadoran affair."

Asked about the current situation in Central America, the FMLN president said that "it is evidencing contradictory signs, both positive and negative," although he admitted that "the status of the upcoming dialogue between Salvadoran insurgents and President Duarte is beginning to be clarified." After recalling that Duarte "had frozen" the dialogue with the opposition "until after the elections which recently took place in El Salvador," Ungo pointed out that the reason given "for freezing the talks" is "no longer valid because the elections are over." He added that "we have made a proposal through the Salvadoran church to hold a meeting on 21 April in Morazan Department, but President Duarte has given us no official answer. We have gathered from the news media that he is not willing to accept this date." Ungo revealed that "I told President Alfonsin that we want to hold this meeting with Duarte to reactivate dialogue so as to find a political solution to the problems of my country."

At this point in the interview with DYN, the Salvadoran leader hailed the "attitude" of the Argentine chief executive toward the Salvadoran crisis and said that Argentine diplomacy is playing "a highly positive role" in the Central American conflict. "We hope that Argentina will maintain this position so as to contribute to the dialogue between the government and ourselves," he added.

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